two communication satellites for European customers. A satellite called W2M is being built for M/s. EUTELSAT alongwith M/s. EADS Astrium. A second satellite called HYLAS is being built for M/s. Avanti Screen Media alongwith M/s. EADS Astrium.

(c) ISRO has launched an exclusive satellite for education called EDUSAT. This satellite provides interactive and non-interactive educational programmes to about 8,500 schools, colleges, institutes of education and training at District level in various States, Universities and Technical Institutions.

ISRO has established 176 tele-medicine nodes connecting 34 super speciality hospitals with 142 remote/rural hospitals.

Installation of Receiving Terminals in North-Eastern Region

2213. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Educational Satellite (EDUSAT) programme is being covered by a regional beam in eight North Eastern States and installation work of the receiving terminals is going on in five States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the next phase of installation of receiving terminals would start in the rest of three States *i.e.,* Assam, Manipur and Sikkim; and

(d) the number of receiving terminals to be installed in Assam, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Installation of fully interactive terminals is in advanced stage of completion in Tripura, Nagaland and Mizoram. All the equipments are in place and installation has begun in Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya.

(c) Next phase of installation of fully interactive terminals, starting from October 2006, would cover the States of Assam, Manipur and Sikkim.

(d) The number of fully interactive terminals to be installed in Assam is 50. Consultations with the State Government have commenced for identification of locations.